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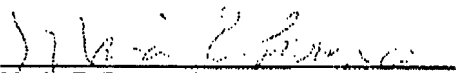
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 30, 2007

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated April 30, 2007, please re-examine and reconsider the above-identified application according to the amendments and remarks provided in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.